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| Takehiko KAWASAKI |) | Examiner: Unassigned |
| Application No.: Unassigned |) | Group Art Unit: Unassigned |
| Filed: September 8, 2003 |) | |
| For: DOUBLE FEED DETECTION METHOD AND DOUBLE FEED DETECTION APPARATUS OF SHEET MATERIALS |) | September 8, 2003 |

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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